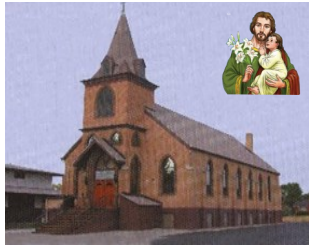


Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Dec. 31, 2023—Jan. 6, 2024



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

Parish Secretary: Deb Johnson

Bulletin: Patty Kepp

Website Editor: Julie O'Dell

Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

### Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 31: For the People

Mon., Jan 1: For the People

Tues., Jan 2: +For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus

Wed., Jan 3: For the healing of Joan Bialon  
by the Catholic Daughters

Thurs., Jan 4: Anthony T Cacchione family  
St. Labre Benefactor

Fri., Jan 5: Anthony T Cacchione family  
St Labre Benefactor

Sat., Jan 6: +For Rose Tecca  
by Larry & Deb Johnson



### Offertory Collections:

Sat., Dec 23: \$ 392.00 Sun., Dec 24: \$ 295.00

Christmas Eve: \$ 2,408.77 Christmas Day: \$ 526.00

### Donations to date for:

AED \$ 600.00

Door Replacement  
\$ 500.00

### Month of November, 2023

Income: \$ 7,810.10

Expenses: \$ 9,690.24  
\$ (1,880.14)

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec 30	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Deb Johnson
Sun., Dec 31	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 6	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 7	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Jan 13	Deb Johnson	Larry Johnson	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Jan 14	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

### Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin

Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

St. Mary's Mission – Custer

Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm

**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the**

**Sick, please contact Father Cally**

**Contact Numbers:**

**Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions**

**Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin**

### Calendar

**Mon., Jan 1:** New Years Day Mass, 9:00 am

**Tues., Jan 2:** Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement


**Wed., Jan 3:** Religious Education class, 3:45 pm

**Wed., Jan 3:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

**Fri., Jan 5:** 1st Friday of the month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

**Sat., Jan 6:** Rosary Novena #5 of 9, 5:20 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters.

**Mon., Jan 8:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

 On this wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, we want to thank everyone who has given to our endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. Supporting endowments is one of the best things you can do. It will show future Catholics who attend our parish 10, 50, or even 100 years from now your faith that, through Jesus Christ, we are all part of the same family. Thank you for your generosity and your vision! We are grateful for you.

*God is good all*

*the time!*

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### THE HOLY FAMILY AND THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This is an ideal family. This family loved God and served him wholeheartedly. It is a family every Christian family should emulate.

The Holy Family did not live in an artificial world. No, they lived in a real world as we are living today. So, they faced the trials and the challenges of life as we do today. Joseph and Mary had to work hard to put food on the table. They paid heavy taxes under Roman government. They equally struggled with insecurity. When the life of Jesus was under threat by Herod they had to run to Egypt for safety. So, they became refugees in another country as some people are today. They had to face the difficulties of settling down in a new home, new environment, new country. Again, when the child Jesus got lost for three days, it was another moment of crises for the Holy Family. They had to face the stress and anxiety of looking for their lost only son. And it may interest you to know that Joseph died early, shortly before Jesus began his public ministry. That means that Mary became a young widow. She became a single mother. She passed through the pains and sorrows of widowhood. Her heart was finally pierced with a sword of sorrow as she looked upon her only son hanging on the cross.

So, the Holy family passed through a lot of terrible life challenges as some of us are facing today. But in all their trials and challenges, their faith, trust and hope in God sustained them. This is why we should always look up to this family for encouragement and assistance when we face difficulties in our families.



### NEW Counseling Program Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).



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*You'll learn:*

- How to communicate
- How to resolve conflict
- How to meet the emotional needs of one another

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March 15—16, 2024  
Friday 6:00—9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00—4:00 pm

To all born  
in December



Father Cally has met with the Parish Council and the Finance Council and collectively identified two parish projects that not only need our attention but are financially outside of the current budget. They are placement of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and the replacement of the screen doors on the north side of the rectory. Catholic Mutual our insurance carrier has strongly suggested we obtain an AED. Because of recent attempts to break into the rectory, securing the doors on the north side of the rectory is necessary. Cost for the AED is \$1600 (the Knights of Columbus have already pledged \$500 toward the purchase). The replacement of the current doors with strong secure doors could be between \$2500 to \$3500 with parishioners that have offered to do the construction work. A special offering will be addressed this weekend with more information.